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Mercantile Summary

HENRY M. CLARKE, a Fredericton contractor, is offering to compromise with his creditors. The offer is 20 cents to the general creditors, and 30 per cent. to accommodation endorsers. His liabilities are between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

EBEN E. FRASER, merchant; Edward C. Elkin, ship owner; Alban F. Emery, doctor of medicine; Charles T. Bailey, barrister, St. John, and James Billman, merchant, of Halifax, are applying at Ottawa for incorporation as "The Arlington Mining and Milling Company." The chief place of business is St. John, with a capital stock of \$10,000.

The following gold mining returns were filed in the Nova Scotia Mines office, Saturday, December 23rd. Touquoy Gold Mining Co., Limited, Moose River, crushed 138 tons of quartz during October, and the yield was 25 ozs. 16 dwts. 2 grs. The yield from the Colonial Mining Co., Limited, for October was I oz. 4 dwts, from 24 tons of slate. J. B. Neilly's mine at Lake Catcha yielded 41 ozs. 12 dwt. and 6 grs. from 65 tons of quartz crushed during November. The above gold is worth about \$1,304.

An Ottawa despatch says that the Department of Customs has prepared the trade returns of the Dominion for the five months ending November 30th last, compared with the same period last year, as follows: The aggregate trade of the country for the past five months was \$168,-071,000, compared with \$150,266,000 for 1898. Imports were \$88,954,000, as against \$68,770,681 for the same time last year, an increase of \$10,184,263. And exports reached \$89,116,000, as against \$81,496,000 for the five months in 1898. There was an increase in the duty collected of \$1,637,000.

A CHANGE has been made on the valuation of the handsome and extensive house at the head of Drummond street, in Montreal, owned by Mrs. McIntyre, widow of the late Duncan McIntyre, of the C.P.R. Several years ago, the property having been valued at \$300,000 by the assessors, an appeal was taken, and Recorder de Montigny maintained the decision. The case was then carried to the Superior Court, where Mr. Justice Mathieu reduced the valuation to \$200,-000. Now the assessors have again assessed the property at \$300,000 for 1900. Recorder Poirier, after having reviewed the history of the case, and compared several valuations made by experts, reduced the City Assessor's valuation by \$00.-000, making the property assessable only for the sum of \$210,000.



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